

BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC AND MASSAGE THERAPY EXAMINERS
BOARD MEETING

November 08, 2012

GENERAL SESSION AGENDA

1. **Review, approval of Agenda.**
2. **Review, approval of Board Minutes of last meeting (*October 11, 2012*).**
3. **Review of Administrative Staff Issues, Mr. J.J. Vallone, Executive Director & Ms. Congo, Deputy Director:**
 - a) Update on Board positions technically opening on 06/30/2013
 - b) Update on the 3rd month of the 2012-2014 Massage Therapy Biennial Renewal (*Data/Statistics*): Ms. Congo
 - c) Update on recent CA exam held on 11/06/2012
4. **Update – Massage Therapy Regulations Subcommittee by K. Biagiotti, LMT**
5. **Petition** from Ms. Jennifer Anne Williams to accept her non-accredited massage training school (*The Alpha School of Massage, Inc.*) for application to the State of Maryland.
6. **Requests for chiropractic trade name approval:**
 - a) *Grande Family Chiropractic* – Nicholas A. Grande, D.C. (*replacement trade name*)
7. **Requests for massage trade name approval:**
 - a) *Gregory Oed, RMP, Touch Alchemy Massage* – Gregory Oed, RMP
 - b) *Time 2 Relax, LLC, Patricia Scott, LMT, NCTMB, CPT* – Patrice Scott, LMT
 - c) *Reflexology and Massage for The Nurtured Sole* – Ann Marie O’Lone, LMT
 - d) *Sonya Pusey, RMP* – Sonya Pusey, RMP
 - e) *Alex Therapeutic and Relaxation Massage Services* – Adanse Pipim Ofori-Atta, LMT
 - f) *Lotus Bliss Massage Studio* – Nicole R. Stokes, LMT
8. **FYI – Miscellaneous correspondence for review/discussion.**

END OF GENERAL SESSION BOARD MEETING

NO BOARD LUNCH

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MINUTES – GENERAL SESSION

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Members Present

Stephanie J. Chaney, D.C., Board President
Jonathan C. Nou, D.C., Board Secretary/Treasurer
Joanne M. Bushman, D.C.
Michael Moskowitz, D.C.
Robert G. Frieman, D.C.
Karen Biagiotti, LMT
David A. Cox, LMT
Gloria Bodie-Epps, Consumer Member
Ernestine Jones Jolivet, Consumer Member

Non-Members Present

J.J. Vallone, Executive Director
Adrienne Congo, Deputy Director
Grant D. Gerber, Esq., Board Counsel
David Ford, Senior Board Investigator
Christopher Bieling, Board Investigator
Michelle Czarnecki, Legal Assistant
Anthony Hinkle, NCBTMB
Cheryl Hicks, LMT
James S. LeVan, D.C., MCA Bd. of
Directors
Kristen Neville, DHMH
Paula Hollinger, State Senator
Wayne Parker, AMTA, MD Chapter

Members Absent

Gwenda Harrison, LMT
Michael Fedorczyk, D.C., Board Vice-President

Dr. Stephanie Chaney called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

Review of Agenda and Minutes

The November 8, 2012 Agenda was reviewed by the Board. Mr. Cox made a motion to approve the agenda, Dr. Nou seconded, and the motion was unanimously voted.

The October 11, 2012 minutes were revised as follows: Amendment of board members who made the motions to approve the Chiropractic Trade Names to include Dr. Fedorczyk and Dr. Nou. Mr. Cox made the motion to approve the minutes with that revision; Dr. Nou seconded, and the motion was unanimously voted.

Review of Administrative Staff Issues, Mr. J.J. Vallone, Executive Director and Ms. Adrienne Congo, Deputy Director

- Update Regarding 2012-2014 Massage Therapy Biennial Renewal—Ms. Congo: Currently, the Board has received \$518,500 in renewal fees for LMTs, and \$171,750 for RMPs up through November 7, 2012. This reaches a total of \$782,263 through the 2012 online renewals. The total fees captured for the 2010 biennial was \$871,881. A cybersource

company glitch has resulted in individuals having trouble using Mac products to renew their license/registration online. Ms. Congo has worked with these individuals over the phone to help facilitate their renewals. Due to hurricane Sandy and the closure of state offices, the 2012 biennial renewal deadline was extended to November 9th.

- **Update regarding CA exams**—Mr. Vallone: The next CA exam is scheduled for November 13, 2012. The failure rate for these exams has continued to increase.

Update on Massage Therapy Regulations Subcommittee by Karen Biagiotti, LMT

- A public meeting will be held next week (Nov 15th) to discuss CEU requirements in the proposed regulations, including fees. This public meeting was formally published in the Maryland Register to invite the public in for comments.

Petition for Acceptance of Non-Accredited Massage Training School for Application

- **Ms. Jennifer Anne Williams**—petitioned the board to accept her non-accredited massage training school (*The Alpha School of Massage, Inc.*) for application to the State of Maryland. The school is state approved. Ms. Williams acquired 500 training hours and is nationally certified. Mr. Cox made a motion to grant Ms. Williams petition, Dr. Bushman seconded, and the motion was unanimously voted.

Requests for Approval of Chiropractic Trade Names

The following chiropractic trade name requests were individually **approved** by Board motions. Dr. Nou made the motions; Dr. Bushman seconded, and the motions were unanimously voted.

1. *Grande Family Chiropractic*—Nicholas A. Grande, D.C. (*replacement trade name*)

Requests for Approval of Massage Trade Names

The following massage trade name requests were individually **approved** by Board motions. Ms. Biagiotti made the motions; Mr. Cox seconded, and the motions were unanimously voted.

1. *Gergory Oed, RMP, Touch Alchemy Massage*—Gregory Oed, RMP
2. *Time 2 Relax, LLC, Patricia Scott, LMT, NCTMB, CPT*—Patricia Scott, LMT
3. *Reflexology and Massage for the Nurtured Sole*—Ann Marie O’Lone, LMT
4. *Sonya Pusey, RMP*—Sonya Pusey, RMP
5. *Alex Therapeutic and Relaxation Massage Services*—Adanse Pipim Ofori-Atta, LMT
6. *Lotus Bliss Massage Studio*—Nicole R. Stokes, LMT

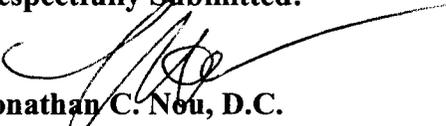
Miscellaneous Correspondances for Review/Discussion

Letter from Dr. Eric Horne, D.C.—sent a packet of information regarding the efficacy of using low level (“i-lipo”) laser therapy to induce reduction in patient body fat. Dr. Chaney discussed the use of low level laser therapy for body contouring, which is FDA approved. Dr. Chaney explained that the

general policy of the board regarding use laser therapy is flexible as long as the laser use is non-ablative. Board counsel, Mr. Grant Gerber, Esq., explained that the use of such laser therapy would likely fit under the board's statute that allows chiropractors to use diet and hygiene measures in the practice of chiropractic. Mr. Gerber explained that the laser therapy use would fit properly under that definition rather than under that of adjustments. Dr. Frieman made a motion to generally acknowledge that use of low level ("i-lipo") laser therapy is within the scope of practice of chiropractic, Dr. Nou seconded, and the motion was unanimously voted. Mr. Vallone will send a letter of notification reflecting approval to the petitioner, Dr. Eric Horne.

Upon motion by Dr. Nou, seconded by Dr. Bushman, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn General Session at 10:30 am.

Respectfully Submitted:



Jonathan C. Nou, D.C.
Board Secretary/Treasurer